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Board of Police Commissioners

Tuesday June 7, 2016

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Town Hall Commission Room

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Bill Brady Chairman, Beth Gralnick Vice Chairman, Susan Moch, Dawn Egan, Peter Ottomano, Woody Bliss and Jess DiPasquale,

Others Present: Chief Troxell, John Conte Town Engineer and Weston Residents

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Hearing – Permanent Stop Signs on Godfrey Road West at Old Orchard Drive and Godfrey Road West at Pent Road.** Commissioner Brady asked the residents of Old Orchard Road, Pent Road and Godfrey Road West if they liked the temporary stop signs, they were all in agreement that they would like to have permanent stop signs installed. Rich Terrell, Paul McDonald, Ray Rauch, Jennifer McMillian, Diane Rosenblatt, Gisela Ruthman, were all in favor for permanent stop signs. Two residents who could not attend the meeting wrote a letter to Commissioner Ottomano. Christopher Reeb who lives on Pent Road said the temporary stop signs have been successful it provides the residents on Pent Road to make a right or left onto Godfrey Road easier. The line of sight pulling out of Pent Road is very short and the stop signs alert traffic. Also Julie Sudu wrote a letter to Commissioner Egan and reiterated the same message as Christopher. All of the residents stated one way or another how successful the temporary stop signs have been to make a left or a right hand turn onto Godfrey Road. All positive comments. Chief Troxell stated that stop signs by state statute are not to be used to control speeds. The Chief stated that the temporary stop signs were put in to enhance the safety at those intersections.

Commissioner Brady made a motion to close the public hearing of this meeting, Commissioner Moch moved, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, motion passed.

Commissioner Brady asked for a 2nd for his motion to confirm implementation for permanent stop signs at Godfrey Road West, Pent Road and at Old Orchard Drive, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, motion passed.

Public Hearing is closed.

Consideration/Approval May 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes –

Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the May 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Moch moved, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, motion passed.

Removal of Cobbs Mill Stop Signs and Implementation of 25 MPH Speed – Chief Troxell stated that the Town has cut down trees on Old Mill Road, they have increased enforcement for speed laws on Old Mill Road, had Speed Trailers put up and have done many traffic studies for speed and volume. They have also put signs and new speed limit signs, enhanced the crosswalks with temporary stop signs by Cobbs Mill Inn. A resident from Massachusetts Mr. John Carr wrote an e-mail to the Chief and the State Department of Transportation complaining about the Speed limit being too low on Old Mill Road (15 MPH) and the temporary stop signs from Cobbs Mill Road because the temporary stop signs are only to be used at intersections. The Department of Transportation wrote a letter stating we have to remove the temporary stop signs and change the speed to 25 MPH otherwise the Town would have been fined. We have complied. The Chief and John Conte the town Engineer have been back to Old Mill Road and Cobbs Mill Inn. The Chief recommends to the Police Commission to put raised cross walks in by Cobbs Mill Inn in order to slow traffic down in that area and also to put in place three Speed tables on Old Mill Road.

John Conte pointed out there are three sections on Old Mill Road that qualify for speed tables. The raised cross walk is lower than the speed table but it is still designed to slow down traffic. From the 1st speed table to the 2nd speed table that would be a distance of 728 feet and the 2nd speed table to the third speed table would be a distance of 858 feet. The approximate cost would be \$37,650.00 but this will go out to bid.

Commissioner Brady opened it up to the residents who live on Old Mill Road if they have any questions or concerns. Walter Shanley stated the three tables are technically to far apart to control the speeding on the road. Chief Troxell stated on Old Mill Road they only found 3 areas with a width of 22 feet it also has to be on straight aways and they also have to be concerned with drainage issues on Old Mill Road.

Commissioner Moch moved to call the question to take out the stop signs, put in speed tables and the crosswalk, implement the 25 MPH speed signs.

All in favor to call the question.

Commissioner Bliss made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Town Engineer to install raised crosswalk at Cobb's Mill and three (3) speed tables on Old Mill Road. Commissioner Moch moved to remove the stop signs and install the 25 MPH speed signs so the town is in compliance, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, motion passed.

Brian Humes - Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC Presentation / PD Renovation
This presentation that Brian presented to the Police Commission this is the same presentation that he presented to the Board of Selectman on May 23, 2016, the Building committee on May 25, 2016. He presented two options. Build an addition to the Police Department. Do not relocate existing Town offices. This would approximately cost three million eight hundred and fifty nine thousand dollars. Option 2 locate communication center on upper level (Chief, Detective and Administrative Assistant offices location). Option 1 place communication center on lower level of a potential regional dispatch center.

Commissioner Gralnick moved that the Police Commission recommends the building renovation/addition plan for a new Police Department as presented to the Police Commission on June 7, 2016 by Brian Humes. Commissioner Moch amended that motion that the Police Commission recommends the plan dated May 23, 2016 renovation/addition plan to the Board of Selectman. Commissioner Egan 2nd, motion passed. The Commissioners agreed that a regional communication center could be placed at the lower level building for an additional one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the near future. The center would need at least twelve thousand 911 calls or forty thousand population served as described by Brian Humes.

Officer Johnny Marsili Graduation – Commissioner Egan thanked Commissioner Brady for being able to attend on his behalf. Commissioner Egan said it was a wonderful experience. There were 33 graduates Officer Marsili received two awards at his graduation from the Milford Police Academy. The first award was the Arnold Markle Memorial Award in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the goals, objectives, standards and ethics of the law enforcement profession. The second award he received was the Firearms Excellence Award for his ability as the best marksman in the class. There were five awards presented for the 33 graduates.

Chief Report

Grants Updates / Donations – None at this time.

Additional Business for Commission Consideration – SRO vehicle – The Chief negotiated the price down to \$18,000.00. The Chief had it approved by the Board of

Selectman and they will release the money from the Vehicle Revenue Fund in the amount of \$18,000.00.

Sub-Committee Reports

Citizen of the Year Margaret Wirtenberg – Commissioner Brady thanked Commissioner DiPasquale for all his work.

Chiefs appraisal Assignment – Commissioners (Bliss/Egan/Gralnick) will work together on the Chiefs appraisal.

Commissioner Ottomano spoke about there was an article in the Post about Narcan. He spoke to the Chief and Detective Powers. The Chief will ask J.T. Solazzo and invite him to our next meeting and have him discuss to the Commissioners regarding Narcan.

Commissioner Egan said that the First Selectman Nina Daniel will have a tree warden come and look at the tree on Norfield Road.

Commissioner Brady made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:00 PM, Commissioner Gralnick moved, Commissioner Moch 2nd, motion passed.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 10:15 PM. Commissioner Moch made a motion, 2nd by Commissioner DiPasquale, to adopt the SRO Union Contract language proposed by the Commission SRO subcommittee and the Union Executive Board. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gunshor
Police Commission Recording Secretary
Approved 7/5/16**

